Four Local Chefs Compete for \$10,000 in Prizes

Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Enters Semi-Finals

August 4, 2014 - Baltimore, MD - The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament, the largest culinary competition of its kind in the country, is set to enter Semi-Final competition on August 11th. The original field of 16 top area chefs is now down to just four, with only three matches remaining to determine the Champion! Chef teams from Chefs' Expressions (Timonium), Basta Pasta (Timonium), Conrad's Seafood (Perry Hall), and Bistro Blanc (Glenelg) are vying for over \$10,000 in prizes, including cash, a 2-day all-expense paid trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to tour Crave Brothers, the New Glaris Beer Plant, and the Emmi Roth USA Plant, as well as attend the Culinary Executive Center for Cheese Course Plates and Fondue for lunch provided by sponsor Emmi-Roth USA, a \$3,000 oven provided by sponsor Vulcan, a day training with Certified Master Chef Edwin Scholly, along with numerous other culinary equipment and prizes as well as the title of 2014 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions!

Matches are being held at the Inn at the Colonnade in Baltimore (4 West University Parkway, Baltimore). Semi-Final matches are listed below. 10% of each ticket sold goes directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, the competition's charity partner.

Tickets*: \$35 for general admission (includes tax)

\$55 for judging experience (includes tax)

Available for purchase at: www.masondixonmasterchef.com

*Tickets must be purchased in advance for the above pricing. \$45/\$65 day of and at the door (if available).

The \$35 ticket price includes admission to that night's competition, wine/spirit tasting, passed hors d'oeuvres during happy hour, dessert and coffee bar, all taxes and a 10% donation to charity. Tickets are on sale now, and are expected to sell out quickly.

Semi-Final Matches:

The line-up for August 11 and 12 matches in "Battle South East Asia" include:

Monday, August 11 - Chef Janny Kim of Bistro Blanc versus Chef Adam Snyder of Chef's Expressions

<u>Tuesday, August 12</u> - Chef Kiet Philavanh of Basta Pasta versus Chef Jake Hack of Conrad's Seafood

Happy Hour (6:00 – 7:00pm) each evening features complementary wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, and special pricing on drinks and food for purchase from Alizée American Bistro both days. Guests also enjoy a complementary dessert bar and coffee to top off their evening. Event details available at: http://www.masondixonmasterchef.com/about-the-tournament/menu.php?match_id=74

When & Where:

Semi-Finals: August 11, 12

Championship Match: Sunday, August 24

5:30 -7:00p.m. – Happy Hour (free appetizers and wine/spirit tasting)

6:25 p.m. – Cold Prep Begins

7:00 p.m. – Chef Competition

8:00pm – Judging Begins (complementary dessert and coffee bar for all guests)

Inn at the Colonnade

4 West University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218

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